

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are in this application. Claims 1-10, 21, 26 and 27 have been amended. Claims 30 and 31 have been cancelled.

According to the official action claims 1-31 are rejected 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This is respectfully traversed.

Applicants contend the use of the term novel pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]benzodiazepine in Claims 1-9 does not make these claims indefinite. However, to expedite prosecution, claims 1 to 9 have been amended to replace novel pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]benzodiazepine with compound.

Applicants also contend that the use of the phrase 2-fluoro pyrrolo[2,1-c][1,4]benzodiazepine in claims 10 and 21 is not indefinite. Again, to expedite prosecution, these claims have been amended to replace this phrase with "compound."

A period has been added at the end of claims 1-9.

Claims 26 and 29 have been amended to include the structure of formula IX.

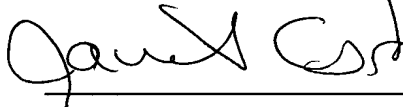
Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 30 and 31 have been cancelled.

To expedite prosecution, Claim 27 has been amended to include the types of cancer that were previously included in claim 30.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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